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CENTRAL PROVINCES, CENTRAL INDIA, AND RAJPUTANA,

Received up to 6th June, 1887.

POLITICAL.

The Panjábí Akhbár (Lahore), of the 1st June, adverting to the Ghilzai rebellion, says that the Kabul. Government of India will not assist Abdul Rahman Khan, inasmuch as it has always been reluctant to interfere in the civil wars in Afghanistan. However, it regularly pays a large subsidy to the Amir every month, and occasionally gives him arms and ammunition in order to enable him to maintain his authority. If Abdul Rahmán Khán hoards up the money, and does not expend it on the purposes for which it is given him, he is himself to The Akhbar then quotes the comments of the Civil and Military Gazette on the rumour regarding the Russian advance towards Badakhshan, and says that it would seem that the Russians have at least made all necessary preparations for an advance on Badakhshan, and are awaiting a favourable opportunity. This is a matter which should engage the immediate attention of the British Government.

The Koh-i-Núr (Lahore), of the 4th June, says that

Mahárája Dalip Singh Mahárája Dalip Singh's going over to

Russia has been commented on by a

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large number of newspapers, most of which are disposed to consider him mad, and apprehend no harm from him. The Hindustani of Lucknow has published a very able article on the subject. Undoubtedly the Maharaja's presence in Russia cannot harm the British Government, because the natives have no desire to change their masters. When they remained loyal during the great troubles of 1857, it is almost impossible that they should rebel against the British Government in the future, inasmuch as they have become fully acquainted with the advantages of British rule since then. The Mahárája's going to Russia is, however, likely to prove very injurious to this country and the natives. Indeed, his movements have in a way already done much harm to the children of the soil. His detention at Aden, owing to a foolish letter published by him in a newspaper, was a great insult to the Although they had given ample proof of their unflinching loyalty and devotion on more than one occasion, Lord Dufferin did not allow the Maharaja to enter this country lest they might rebel at his instigation. This distrust created in the mind of the Government towards them is a greater injury than any loss of money which could be inflicted on them. The worst is that the Mahéraja's presence in Russia will afford their enemies a good opportunity of increasing this distrust by spreading false rumours. The Koh then quotes an extract from the Civil and Military Gazette in which the latter states that no less sympathy for the Maháraja has been expressed in Kashmir than in other parts of the Panjáb; that some Sardárs in the Panjáb carry on correspond. ence with him, and that Agents have been sent from Kashmir with letters to him. It is almost needless to say what effect these rumours will have on the suspicious mind of the Government. The Koh does not know what sympathy has been expressed anywhere in the Panjáb with the Mahárája, or what native princes in the province carry on secret correspondence with him, and asks those newspapers which apprehend no harm from his presence in Bussia, whether the distrust created in the mind of the Government towards the natives is not serious harm.

The Koh-i-New (Lahore), of the 31st May, is glad to say that the Sikhs have given fresh proof munity to the British Government. Of their loyalty and devotion to the British Government. They have lately discontinued the urdás or prayer, which has hitherto been regularly offered every day at their temple at Amritsar on behalf of Mahárája Dalíp Singh, owing to his rebellion against the British Government.

Circulation, 450 copies.

NATIVE STATES.

The Najmu-l-Akhbar (Etawah), of the 1st June, regrets to say that Sir Ganpat Rao, the Prime Gwalior. Minister of Gwalior, is making an improper use of the public funds. His investment of three crores of rupees in Government Promissory Notes was generally disapproved by the public on the ground that the money could have been more usefully expended in developing the resources of the state. It may, however, be said in defence of the measure that the state will receive interest for the money. But his contribution of Rs. 1,20,000 to the Imperial Institute is open to serious objection. The native princes should by all means liberally support schemes set on foot in this country for perpetuating the memory of Her Majesty's Jubilee, but they should not send their money to London. Sir Ganpat Rao should have founded an orphanage at Gwalior as a Jabilee memorial. The fact of the matter is that he has made the contribution to the Imperial Institute in order to win the good will of Sir Lepel Griffin.

Circulation, 180 copies.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The Hindustán (Kálákankar), of the 31st May, urges

Reform of the Legislative Councils. jesty's Jubilee the Government should

concede some new political rights to natives with a view to
improving the administration and ameliorating the condition
of the people. The introduction of the representative element into the Legislative Councils, for which the country
has been applying with one voice, would be a most suitable
concession.

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The Hindustan (Kalakankar), of the 1st June, condemns Exclusion of natives from the exclusion of natives from the higher ranks of the military service the higher ranks of the Military service. as unjust and opposed to the terms of the royal proclamation of 1858. Native soldiers do not yield the palm in bravery and loyalty to European soldiers, but still they cannot obtain higher posts than Subadarships and Risaldarships. It is very painful to see veteran native soldiers, who have grown gray in the service of Government, serve under raw European youths, to whom they could give lessons in the art of warfare for a dozen years. Akbar placed full confidence in Hindús, and appointed them to the command of large armies. It is well known that they never abused his confidence, and always remained loyal and devoted to him. When will the British Government give up its distrust of natives?

The same paper, of the 2nd June, is surprised that Native Christians have lately been admitted Volunteering, the Arms Act, and natives. to volunteer corps while Hindus and Musalmans are still excluded from them. The maintenance of such invidious distinctions of race and religion is very irritating to natives. They are very thankful to the British Government for the many great advantages it has bestowed upon them, while on the other hand they have good ground for complaint for the destruction of their martial instincts brought about by the entire disarmament of the country. The Government does not allow natives to carry arms, nor does it encourage volunteering among them. It will find out its mistake at the time of a Russian invasion. Should the Russians succeed in defeating the British on the north-west frontier, which heaven forbid, the natives, far from rendering any aid to the British, would be unable to protect their own children and women. It is high time that the Arms Act should be repealed, and that natives should be enlisted as volunteers, and appointed to higher posts in the army. If these measures were adopted, the Russians would think twice before invading this country.

The Azád (Lucknow), of the 3rd June, does not underTasaduq Rasúl Khán, of stand why Government did not allow
Jahángirabad, Oudh. Tasaduq Rasúl Khán, who succeeded
to the Jahángirabad estate on the death of Rája Farzand Ali
Khán, to assume the title of Rája, although the title was a
hereditary one in the family of the latter. When a person
succeeds to the estate of a nobleman by adoption or in any
other such way, he should also succeed to the hereditary
title or titles enjoyed by his predecessor.

Circulation, 240 copies.

A correspondent of the Azad (Lucknow), of the 3rd June,
Realization of the house-complains that the house-tax is
tax from the tenants of
houses.

deducted from the salaries of Government servants at the rate of 12 annas per one hundred
rupees, of their pay even though they live in hired houses.

Obviously the tax should be realized from the owners and not
the tenants of houses.

Circulation, 240 copies.

The Koh-i-Núr (Lahore), of the 4th June, says that the Victoria Paper, of Sialkot, recommends Sháikh Mihr Ali, of Hoshiarpur. the bestowal of the title of Khan Bahadur on Shaikh Mihr Ali, in return for the unnecessary trouble and expense which his prosecution by Government has involved to him. But the title would be no suitable recompense. He has received a far better recompense in the widespread sympathy expressed by his countrymen with him. The Koh would not think that the great expense and annoyance which his trial caused to him were in vain, should his case convince the natives of the necessity of agitating for the extension to them of the system of trial by jury. Memorials should be sent to the Government of India from all parts of the country praying for the grant of the privilege.

Circulation, 450 copies.

The Panjabi Akhbar (Lahore), of the 1st June, says that Case of Mr. Wilson, Po. the Secretary of State has ordered Mr. litical Agent, Cambay. Wilson, of Cambay fame, to resign the public service, but has granted him a pension of £75 (sic.). It would appear from the report of the Bombay Government that he himself desired to retire shortly, so that he has really

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received no punishment for his misbehaviour. If European officers, who misbehave themselves in this way, are treated with such indulgence, heaven protect the honour of the native nobility. The Akhbar then refers to the memorial which was submitted to the Bombay Government by the inhabitants of Kaira, where Mr. Wilson had been Collector for some time, praising him for his good morals, and says that the natives have only themselves to thank for their ill-treatment by Europeans.

Circulation, 215 copies. The Akhbár-i-Chunár, of the 31st May, is surprised that no Honorary Magistrates have yet of Honorary Magistrates been appointed at Chunár. Such at Chunár, Gházipur. appointments were made long ago at Muhammadahad and Saidpur, which do not exceed Chunár in population. Where there are honorary magistrates tabsildars make over petty cases to them for trial, and are themselves able to attend to more important work.

Circulation, 400 copies. The Rafiq-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 28th May, is glad to say that its recommendations in President and Vice-Presidents of the Municipal favour of the appointment of a Euro-Board, Lahore.

Pean, and in special Major-General Blake, C.S.I., as President of the Municipal Board at Lahore, have been successful. The Board have elected the Major-General as their President. A better selection could not have been made. He is an able, experienced, and courteous man, commands respect, and is very popular with the natives. Nawáb Abdul Majid Khán, C.S.I., and Lála Kanhya Lál, Rae Bahádur, have been elected Vice-Presidents. These selections, too, are unobjectionable.

EDUCATION.

Circulation, 100 copies. The Anjuman-i-Panjáb (Lahore), of the 29th May, says Entrance Examination of that it is believed that the Entrance the Panjáb University. Examination of the Panjáb University will be cancelled this year, owing to the frauds which occurred in connection with the examination. This will be punishing the innocent candidates with the guilty ones. It would be better if only the suspected candidates were

excluded from the results of the examination. If the examination is cancelled, the entrance fees paid by the candidates, other than those who were implicated in the frauds, should be returned to them, or at least they should not be required to pay the fees over again at the time of the next examination.

A correspondent of the Rahbar-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 2nd June, complains that the transfer Management of District Schools, Panjab. of the management of district schools in the Panjab to Municipal Boards under the Local Self-Government scheme has been injurious to teachers employed in the schools. Incompetent teachers, who have any influence with the members of the boards, readily receive promotion, while deserving teachers are left out. Should the Director of Public Instruction make an enquiry into the matter, he would find that the claims to promotion of several teachers, who have successfully passed boys at the entrance and the middle school examinations during the last three or four years, have unjustly been overlocked.

Circulation, 405 copies.

POST-OFFICE AND BAILWAYS.

The Tahzib (Morádábád), of the 5th June, urges that the Registration of letters post-offices should register letters and issue money-orders early in the morning also during the hot weather.

Circulation, 60 copies.

The Aftab-i-Panjab (Lahore), of the 30th May, complains Grievances of third-class that third-class railway carriages, which are not provided with khas tattis in the hot weather, become as hot in the afternoon as the baker's oven, and that the discomfort to which the passengers are exposed in consequence may be easily imagined. Cannot any arrangements be made to cool the third-class carriages at a reasonable cost? Again, over-crowding adds to the miseries of the passengers. According to rule more than eight men should not be seated in a compartment during the hot weather under ordinary circumstances. The railway officials do not, however, adhere to this limit, and sometimes place even more than ten men in a compartment. If any passengers protest against this,

Circulation, 500 copies.

the officials give them very impertinent replies. Unfortunate quarrels frequently take place among passengers themselves about their seats. Again, satisfactory arrangements have not been made for the supply of drinking-water to passengers. Only one Muhammadan water-carrier is attached to each station, and he first attends to the engine-drivers and the first and second-class passengers. It is simply impossible that he should be able to supply water to any large number of men in a few short minutes. (The Jalwa-i-Ezadi, Meerut, of the 2nd June, in a communicated article, urges that in the hot weather additional water-carriers should be attached to railway-stations, and that third-class carriages should be also provided with khas tattis.)

Circulation, 450 copies.

The Panjabi Akhbar (Lahore), of the 1st June, says that Supply of drinking-water there are few native newspapers in to passengers at railwaywhich complaints are not to be found stations. at present in connection with the supply of water at railway stations. One Hindu and one Musalman water-carrier cannot supply water to 1,500 or 2,000 men during the short stay of a train at a station. The public associations should send memorials to the Government of India praying for an improvement in the present arrangements. If the Government remedies the evil, well and good; otherwise the natives should themselves appoint additional water-carriers at railwaystations, and raise money by subscriptions for the purpose, as suggested by a correspondent of the Akhbár-i-Am.

LOCAL.

Circulation, 381 copies.

The Rájputána Gazette (Ajmere), of the 30th May, complains, on the authority of the Akhbáruplains, on the authority of the Akhbáruthe Sub-Inspector of Police,
Ajmere.

Hindu trader lately died at Ajmere,
the Sub-Inspector of Police, accompanied by his subordinates,
searched his house. Finding 24 maunds of copper coin and
ten or twelve thousand rupees in the house, the police
officials stole as much of the money as they could, the

Sub-Inspector appropriating one thousand rupees. The District Superintendent of Police should see to this.

The Prayag Samachar (Allahabad), of the 4th June, complains that at Allahabad poor

550 copies.

Circulation.

Traders forbidden to hawk things about in the streets, Allahabad.

traders and artizans, who cannot afford to open regular shops, were accustomed to sell their things walkreets of the city, but that they have

ing about in the streets of the city, but that they have lately been forbidden to do so. The prohibition is unnecessary, and calculated to prevent a large number of poor people from earning their livelihood.

A correspondent of the Salifa-i-Qudsi (Delhi), of the

Circulation, 310 copies.

Frequent occurrence of thefts in the Gurgaon district.

2nd June, adverting to a dacoity lately committed on the road between Sohna and Gurgaon, says that thefts

and robberies frequently occur on that road. The police officials have appointed Minas chaukidars at Sohna, Palwal, and the cantonment at Gurgaon, with a view to prevent that criminal tribe from committing thefts. But this is a mistake. The Mina chaukidars receive frequent visits from their friends and relatives, who avail themselves of the occasion to commit robberies on the way.

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